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(Design or Utility)**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USING EXTENDED DISK SECTOR FORMATTING TO ASSIST IN BACKUP AND HIERARCHICAL STORAGE MANAGEMENT**

the specification of which

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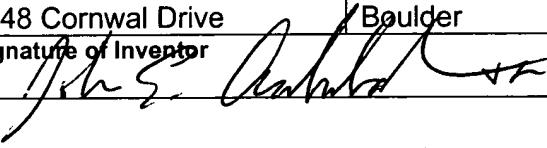
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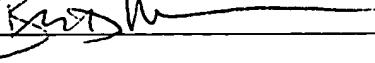
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